

Remarks

Claims 9, 10 and 21 are canceled.

Claims 1, 2, 18 and 20 are amended.

Claims 1-8, 11-20 and 22 are pending upon entry of this amendment.

Claims 1 is amended to define component (c) as an acrylic copolymer containing an alkyl acrylate or methacrylate comprising at least 8 methylene groups in the side chain. Support is found in the specification, page 10, second to last paragraph. Support also exists in original claims 9 and 10.

Claim 2 is amended to be consistent with claim 1.

Claim 18 is amended to be aimed at a method of preparing a composition of claim 1. Support is found for example in the second paragraph of page 31.

Claim 20 is amended to be consistent with claim 18.

No new matter is added.

Applicants respectfully await consideration of the present claims on their merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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